



# Worcester County TNVR

Project #

22-7085a

County: New Castle County (project in Worcester County)

Number of Cats Spayed: 368

Number of Dogs Spayed: 0

Number of Cats Neutered: 304

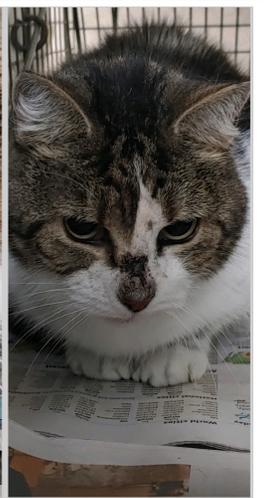
Number of Dogs Neutered: 0

Amount Received: \$28,725.00

Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$0.00

## Project Synopsis:

This project targeted colonies of free-roaming cats in West Ocean City, Berlin, Ocean Pines, Pocomoke City, Whaleyville, and Bishopville. 672 cats were TNVR'd under this project (11 previously sterilized). ALL cats within each colony were TNVR'd in order to ensure zero percent colony growth.



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## **Project Description:**

In an effort to reduce intake & euthanasia at Worcester County Animal Control and provide a humane solution to control the free-roaming cat population in Worcester County, we conducted targeted TNVR of colonies in West Ocean City, Berlin, Ocean Pines, Bishopville, Whaleyville, and Pocomoke City. The project started on May 19, 2022 and ended on December 31, 2022. These cities were targeted because they were reported as the areas of highest intake and euthanasia for Worcester County Animal Control. Throughout the project, we used the only effective TNVR protocol which involves working closely with the colony caregiver in order to trap 100% of the cats residing in the colony so that there is zero percent colony growth. In addition to reducing intake and euthanasia, this project also aimed to reduce the free-roaming cat population, reduce the risk of rabies spread, and reduce complaint calls to animal control.

## **Summary of Approach:**

Due to our prior MDA projects in Worcester County, we were able to start this project as soon as our previous one was completed. While we started TNVR'ing colonies on our waiting list, we began marketing the project via social media. Throughout the duration of the project we received regular requests for help. We TNVR'd colony after colony through a complaint-driven approach. Already having an infrastructure in place with our resources, employees, and volunteers allowed us a quick and easy start. Working closely with caregivers, our trapper aimed to TNVR at least two colonies every 2 weeks. In order to stabilize each colony, we continuously trapped until ALL cats were caught. All cats were transported to one of our facilities where they were sterilized, vaccinated (rabies & FVRCP), received flea and parasite treatment, ear-tipped, and provided additional medical care if needed. Feral cats were released and friendly cats and kittens placed for adoption.

## **Accomplishments:**

1.) TNVR'd 683 cats. 2.) Relief on shelter intake and complaint calls to animal control. 3.) We estimate that this project prevented the birth of roughly 1700 kittens that would have otherwise been born. 4.) Hundreds of cats/kittens were held and placed for adoption. 5.) Many cats received life-saving and life-changing medical care. Some additional medical care performed on cats brought in through this project included but were not limited to: entropion repair, wound care, enucleations, dentals, polyp removal, mass removal, and rectal prolapse repair.



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## Lessons Learned:

1.) Communication is key. There are many volunteers involved in order to pull off a project of this magnitude. It is very important everyone is on the same page and is aware of the grant guidelines. 2.) It is better to get an earlier start on trapping. Our previous Worcester County grant was extended which meant that this grant was started 6 months behind schedule. We had a lot of ground to catch up on but were able to complete this project on time. 3.) Work on keeping track of data on a weekly or bi-weekly basis so it is not so time consuming and overwhelming when reporting time comes around.

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